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Letter dated 19 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour, with reference to my letter dated 16 May 1991 on "Evolving a True Democracy" (see A/46/179-S/22611), to inform you that the Committee of Experts, set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. K. B. Asante, former Solicitor-General and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, to formulate proposals for a draft constitution completed its work on 31 July 1991.

In his address on the occasion of the inauguration of the Consultative Assembly at Accra, Ghana, on 26 August 1991, the Head of State and Chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC), Flt. Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, announced the following timetable for the transition to an elected government:

August 1991-December 1991: the formulation of a draft constitution by the Consultative Assembly;

January/February 1992: a National Referendum on the draft constitution;

October/December 1992 (latest): Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.

International observers will be invited to witness both the Referendum and the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections.

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I am also to request you to circulate the present letter spelling out the timetable as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 30 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi N. AWOONOR
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 18 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter I sent to you on 28 August 1991, transmitting the letter of His Excellency Mr. Anatoli M. Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, addressed to you (see annex).

I request that you circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 68.

(Signed) Guennadi I. OUDOVENKO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of
Ukraine to the United Nations

ANNEX

Letter dated 26 August 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that on 24 August 1991 the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine adopted the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, the text of which reads:

"As a consequence of the deadly threat that hung over Ukraine as a result of the coup d'état in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of 19 August 1991,

"- Continuing a thousand-year-old tradition of statehood in Ukraine,

"- Proceeding from the right to self-determination, enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and other international legal instruments,

"- In implementation of the Declaration on the State Sovereignty of Ukraine, the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic solemnly

"Declares

"The independence of Ukraine and the creation of an independent Ukrainian State - Ukraine.

"The territory of Ukraine is indivisible and inviolable.

"From now on only the Constitution and the laws of Ukraine are valid in the territory of Ukraine.

"This Act takes effect from the moment of its approval."

In accordance with the resolution of the Supreme Soviet of Ukraine in this respect, as at 24 August 1991 Ukraine is declared an independent democratic State.

The resolution points out that from the moment of the declaration of independence only the Constitution, laws and decrees of the Government and other legislative acts of the Republic are valid in the territory of Ukraine.

It is envisaged to hold a republican referendum to confirm the Act of Declaration of Independence on 1 December 1991.

(Signed) Anatoli ZLENKO
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of Ukraine

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Letter dated 17 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a Declaration of the European Community and its member States on Suriname, issued on 13 September 1991 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under item 99 (b) of the provisional agenda.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Declaration on the installation of the President of Suriname, issued at The Hague on 13 September 1991 by the European Community

On the occasion of his installation as President of the Republic of Suriname, the European Community and its member States address to the President, Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, their warmest congratulations on his election and their best wishes for his success in the important tasks which are now entrusted to him.

The European Community and its member States express the hope that Suriname, having demonstrated during the recent elections its attachment to democracy, will take the path to peace and development, in full respect of the principles of the rule of law. Suriname can now resume its place as a respected member of the international community. The European Community and its member States would like to take this opportunity to address to the Surinamese people a message of friendship and solidarity.